GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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PETROCHEMICAL INDUSTRY
JASWANT SINGH YADAV

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country has become self sufficient in the field of Petro- Chemicals;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) the details of production and consumption of petro-chemicals during the last three years; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to encourage the petro-chemical industry?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE)

(a) & (b) : The production of major petrochemicals which includes polymers, synthetic fibres, Elastomers and surfactants, was 4578 Kts against the estimated demand of 4959 Kts during 1999-2000. Consequent upon significant capacity addition during the current year, the gap between demand and supply is expected to narrow in the current year, i.e., 2000-01.

(c) Production and consumption of petrochemicals during 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 is given in the Annexure.

(d) Government has paved way for augmenting domestic production capacities by issuing Letter of Intents to various promoters. Government also encourages entrepreneurs to set up petrochemical plants using the state-of-the-art technology so as to provide quality products at competitive prices.